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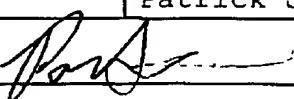
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The review is requested for the reason(s) stated on the attached sheet(s).

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Dear Sir:

ARGUMENT

The examiner has failed to consider all the limitations of the claims in making his rejection.

A. The examiner has failed to consider the preamble a positive limitation on the claims.

In the Office action dated Feb. 24, 2006, on p. 3, lines 11–14, and p. 16, lines 9–14, the examiner states:

Moreover, this limitation [to a paper mill, or board mill or pulp production plant or paper finishing plant] only appears in the preamble and [is] not shown in the body of the claim and therefore, it receives very little patentable weight. If this limitation is critical, it should also appear in the body of the claim.

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The claims are limited to a paper mill, or board mill or pulp production plant or paper finishing plant, which is a positive limitation in all the claims because: 1. Applicant has stated on the record that the preamble breathes life and breath into the claims (Amendment Filed Dec. 5, 2005, p. 9, lines 12–15) (see MPEP 2111.02, p. 2100-52, col. 2, lines 31–35); 2. The body of each claim refers to the preamble “production plant” thus making the preamble a positive limitation of the claims; and 3. A paper mill, or board mill or pulp production plant or paper finishing plant have been explicitly set forth as a limitation in the body of claims 20 (twice) and 21(four times).

EP 0 822 473 discloses at Col. 1, lines 6–8: “Maintenance against a trouble in an industrial equipment requiring maintenance, such as a semiconductor device manufacturing apparatus”, but not the claimed “paper mill, or board mill or pulp production plant or paper finishing plant”. *EP 0 822 473* discloses generic industrial equipment “such as a semiconductor device manufacturing apparatus”, but that only makes it obvious to try the method disclosed on various manufacturing apparatus but does not make obvious by itself a method for servicing a paper mill, a board mill, a pulp production plant, or a paper finishing plant. But more to the point, *EP 0 822 473* teaches performing or managing maintenance on industrial equipment of various types, while applicant’s claims are directed to performing additional functional steps with respect to production systems of a paper mill, a board mill, a pulp production plant, or a paper finishing plant.

B. Limitations in the body of the claims not considered by the examiner

Claim 20

a production management system holding specifications of ordered products and passing information to the process control system;

Ordered products as they relate to the claimed system is not addressed by the examiner.
receiving in a reporting system, data from the process control system, the production management system, the

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maintenance information system, and the machinery conditioning system, and processing said data into different types of formatted reports;

Processing data into formatted reports is not addressed by the examiner.

scheduling maintenance periods based on the continuous data collection and extending the periods when the units of machinery exhibit continuous operation without any signs of malfunction;

Extending periods of continuous operation is not addressed by the examiner.

Claim 21

continuously gathering data related to manufacturing processes and machinery of the paper mill, or the board mill, or the pulp production plant, or the paper finishing plant by a plurality of information systems comprised of a process control system, a production management system, a maintenance information system, and a machinery condition monitoring system;

The specific control system with four components is not addressed by the examiner.

utilizing a process control system to receive selected target values of variables relating to the production of pulp, paper, board, or paper finishing, and to gather measurement data from process machinery of the paper mill, board mill, pulp production plant or paper finishing plant, and to control said process machinery;

Gathering measurement data of a particular type and control of a particular type of process machinery is not addressed by the examiner.

utilizing a production management system to hold specifications of ordered products and to pass information to the process control system;

Specifications of ordered products and the process steps connected therewith are not addressed by the examiner.

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utilizing a machinery condition monitoring system to log process parameters including vibrations, circulating lubrication oil system, bearings, and cleanliness of fabrics;

Logging vibrations, oil systems, bearings and fabrics are not addressed by the examiner.

receiving in a reporting system data from the process control system, the production management system, the maintenance information system, and the machinery conditioning system, and processing said data into different types of formatted reports;

Formatting reports is not addressed by the examiner.

The examiner has not considered these limitations which highlight the differences between *EP 0 822 473* and applicant's claimed invention "a paper mill, or board mill or pulp production plant or paper finishing plant". The reference point of *EP 0 822 473* is semiconductor device manufacturing which does not suggest applicant's claimed steps which relate to, are informed by, and which claim a method for servicing a paper mill, a board mill, a pulp production plant, or a paper finishing plant.

The standard for a *prima facie* case of obviousness is set forth at MPEP 706.02 (j) "The initial burden is on the Examiner to provide some suggestion of the desirability of doing what the inventor has done." If the references do not expressly or impliedly suggest the claimed invention then "the examiner must present a convincing line of reasoning as to why the artisan would have found the claimed invention to have been obvious in light of the teachings of the references."

Continuing to refer to MPEP 706.02 (j) "The teaching or suggestion to make the claimed combination and the reasonable expectation of success must both be found in the prior art and not based on applicant's disclosure."

The examiner has, instead of making a *prima facie* case, argued the references do not specifically exclude applicant's claimed steps, repeatedly referring to open ended language of the *EP 0822 473* specification, (see Office Action dated Feb. 24, 2006, p. 4, lines 13-17; p. 9,

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lines 10-13; p. 10, lines 12-14, and p. 17, lines 1-6). Finally, the examiner explicitly shifts the burden of making a *prima facie* case on to the applicant stating "Therefore, applicants have not shown why it's not obvious to apply the teaching [of] EP 0822 473 to other industries." (P. 17, lines 5-6.)

With respect to claim 19, the examiner has failed to consider the preamble as a positive limitation, and with respect to the limitation contained in the preamble has not shown a motivation and expectation of success in applying the teaching of *EP 0822 473* to a paper mill, a board mill, a pulp production plant, or a paper finishing plant. Further with respect to claims 20, and 21 the examiner has additionally failing to make a *prima facie* case of obviousness for each element of each claim and thus has failed to make his *prima facie* case with respect to claims 20, and 21.

Allowance of all pending claims is respectfully requested.

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